

Admissions to Riverside

Admissions to Riverside are agreed by the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel of Haringey's Children and Young People's Service, advised by the Educational Psychology Service, (EPS), in negotiation with the school.

Contact the SEND Local Offer Team

You can contact the Team in any of the following ways.

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<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/special-schools/sen-admission>

Initial referrals of students - who will usually have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and will be experiencing significant difficulties with their learning - can be at any age from year 6, (an annual cohort transfers from The Brook primary special school at secondary transfer but also from other schools), right up to in-year 11 in some cases, and can be from mainstream or other special schools.

New parents are invited to visit and tour the school and talk to the headteacher prior to stating preferences for their students. Once places are confirmed Riverside teachers visit the host school to meet the student and their staff on an information-sharing basis.

In early July the school hosts a 'New Students and Parents Induction Day'. In the morning all new students come to Riverside and join the class and staff who they will be with in September. In the evening of the Induction Day, parents of new students, (and those whose student is moving to a new class), visit the school for a briefing from the headteacher and then meet other parents and the new staff to share initial plans for September and visit the class. New parents also complete admission forms.

Induction and familiarisation programmes for new students can also be bespoke according to individual need. For example, some students are better-suited to the morning session of the Induction Day followed by a fresh start in the following September; others require a more extensive package which can include by one or more individualised placement sessions at Riverside as part of a familiarisation process which can include social stories to help the student transition successfully.